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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: **NAKAMURA, Shunji, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2815**

Serial No.: **10/708,792**

Examiner: **Ha T. NGUYEN**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED June 29, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: July 14, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **June 29, 2005**, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species embodying Species I (Figures 1A-18C). Claims 6, 7, 9 and 11-16 read on this species. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please  
charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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